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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Hai C. Pham. (3) _____.

(2) Nathaniel D. McQueen, Attorney. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 16 January 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,11,18 and 30.

Identification of prior art discussed: Mitsuka (US 4,687,944), Edamitsu (US 6,729,239), Hidemitsu (US 2003/0136286).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

(1) Discuss the first version of the proposed amendment to the base claims. The examiner suggests rewording the claimed language with regard to the added claimed limitation to make it clear that the distortion of the original image in the subscan direction is a result of the modification process of the original image and as such to relate the distortion to the width modification of the original image. The examiner also indicates that such amendment would not yet overcome the teaching of the prior art in Mitsuka since Mitsuka teaches a magnification converter for modifying the width of the original image in the subscan direction based on the magnification factor, such modification is treated as a distortion being made to the original image in the subscan direction.

(2) Applicant's Representative argues that there is no motivation/suggestion for combining Mitsuka and Edamitsu. The examiner indicates that since the original image is modified (as taught by Mitsuka), there is a need for modifying the writing timing in the main scan direction by changing a cycle of the writing clock as taught by Edamitsu for the purpose of aligning the successive scan lines.

(3) Discuss the second version of the proposed amendment to the base claims to include the plurality of light beams aligned in the subscan direction (i.e., limitation found in the original claim 7). The examiner indicates that such limitation was met by the third reference in Hidemitsu.

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